

MUNICIPAL AND LOCAL FUNDS.

BANGALORE CITY MUNICIPALITY.

No. X.

PROCEEDINGS OF AN ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, BANGALORE, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY MUNICIPAL OFFICE, ON SATURDAY THE 2ND DECEMBER 1916.

PRESENT.

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| 1. Dewan Bahadur Rajasabhabhushana K. P. Puttanna Chetty, Esq., Honorary President. | 11. M. Ramachandra Rao Sindhe, Esq. |
| 2. R. Subba Rao, Esq., M.B. & C.M.; L.S.Sc., Vice-President. | 12. B. V. Ramaswami Chetty, Esq., B.A. |
| 3. F. Fernandes, Esq., L.R.C.P. & S., L.F.P. & S., Health Officer. | 13. B. Usman Khan, Esq. |
| 4. Revd. D. A. Rees. | 14. H. Ramaiya, Esq. |
| 5. C. V. Narasimhiengar, Esq., B.A., B.L. | 15. S. Venkatarama Iyer, Esq., B.A. |
| 6. Father P. M. Briand. | 16. M. K. Krishnamurti Rao, Esq. |
| 7. D. B. Ramachandra Mudaliar, Esq. | 17. S. Venkatrangiengar, Esq. |
| 8. B. Chinnaswami Chetty, Esq. | |
| 9. D. V. Gundappa, Esq. | |
| 10. B. K. Garudachar, Esq. | |

ABSENT.

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| 1. M. Basavayya, Esq., B.A., B.L. | 5. M. Subbaiya, Esq., B.A. |
| 2. D. Adeppa, Esq. | 6. M. Abbas Khan, Esq. |
| 3. G. Siddaveerappa, Esq. | 7. D. Venkatramaiya, Esq., B.A. |
| 4. N. Surappa, Esq. | |

1. The Proceedings of the Municipal Council Meetings held on the 4th November and 6th November 1916 were read and confirmed.

Deferred Proposition.

1. Opinion of the Managing Committee dated the 17th August 1916, in respect of levying taxes on separate vacant sites included in the compound of a building, assessed to Municipal house tax.

Resolution.—Referred back to the Managing Committee for further consideration and submission of definite recommendations.

Ordinary Propositions.

1. Cash account current, Demand, Collection and Balance statements, Mortuary return, Progress report of works. Memo of visitors to Srinivasamandiram Library, City Municipal and Aided Schools returns, Langarkhana return, Statement of rewards for the destruction of dogs and cobras, and Return of prosecutions for October 1916.

Resolution.—Passed with the following observations:—

- A comparative statement of collection of Municipal revenue in all branches to be circulated to Councillors along with monthly returns.
- Urgent steps should be taken for the capture and deportation of monkeys which have become a serious manace in the City; pending contractors being forthcoming to do the work, the feasibility of getting it done through departmental agency may be considered.

2. Proceedings of the Managing Committee at the meetings held on the 28th October and 11th November 1916.

Resolution.—Recorded.

3. Proceedings of the following Committees for September and October 1916:—

- Municipal buildings, roads and avenues.

Resolution.—Recorded.

- Education.

Resolution.—Recorded.

4. Government Proceedings No. 2747-50—Ml. 111-15-32, dated the 3rd November 1916, passing orders for effecting certain improvements in the Bangalore City.

Resolution.—Recorded.

5. Government Proceedings No. 2558-9—Ml. 39-14-47, dated the 29th October 1916, directing that the allowances of officers doing out-door works be reduced to Rs. 10 when the conveyance maintained is a bicycle.

Resolution.—Recorded.

6. Government Proceedings No. 2859-61—Ml. 246-15-3, dated the 10th November 1916, prescribing rules in respect of construction and repairs of Government buildings in the Cities of Bangalore and Mysore.

Resolution.—Recorded.

7. Revenue Secretary's letter No. 2888—Ml. 117-16-2, dated the 11th November 1916, stating, with reference to the recommendation made for the continuance of grant of Rs. 35 per mensem to the Model Infant School in the Sankarapuram for a further period from 1st April 1916 to the end of June 1917, that the Municipal Council are competent, subject to budget provision, to sanction such grants.

Resolution.—The monthly grant may be continued. The Municipal Education Committee will be requested to supervise the working of the institution.

8. Vice-President's memo soliciting standing orders in regard to the procedure to be adopted in the recovery of old arrears.

Opinion of the Managing Committee dated the 28th October 1916.

Also resolution of the Managing Committee held on the 11th November 1916, on the same subject.

Resolution.—The issue of orders as proposed is approved. (*Vide* Appendix A.)

9. Municipal Engineer's memo No. 934, dated the 31st October 1916, forwarding plan and valuation statement for acquiring certain properties in Anchepet and Kilari road in the 2nd Division, for opening a conservancy lane joining Kunchigarpur and Anchepet roads.

Resolution.—The acquisition of properties is approved.

10. Plan and valuation statement for acquiring houses Nos. 48/1 and 1 belonging to Venkataraju and Thatikonda Basappa, respectively, in Chidambara Mudaliar's lane in the 3rd Division for a public purpose.

Resolution.—The acquisition of the houses is approved.

11. Estimates for the works noted below as approved by the Managing Committee:—

(1) Reforming the Cenotaph road, 2, 3, 4/2 furlongs, amounting to Rs. 1,000.

Resolution.—Sanctioned.

(2) Building drains in the new conservancy lane between Police road and Purna Venkata Rao's road, amounting to Rs. 484.

Resolution.—Sanctioned.

(3) Reforming Bellary road, 3, 4/2, 5/2, 7/4 furlongs, amounting to Rs. 750.

Resolution.—Sanctioned.

(4) Providing slab drains on both sides of Kasi Visveswara temple road, amounting to Rs. 232.

Resolution.—Sanctioned.

(5) Reforming Sampige Avenue road, Malleswaram Extension, 1st and 2nd furlongs, amounting to Rs. 800.

Resolution.—Sanctioned.

(6) Reforming Kitchetty Chattram road 4/2 furlong, amounting to Rs. 250.

Resolution.—Sanctioned.

(7) Estimate for widening the Railway approach road and for providing a Kitson light between the old bridge and the new bridge for the Bangalore-Chikballapur Light Railway, amounting to Rs. 860.

Resolution.—Sanctioned with the observation that in lieu of a Kitson light two electric lights may be provided.

12. Opinion of the Managing Committee dated the 11th November 1916, approving of certain standing orders being passed for remission or refund of taxes under Section 69 (1) and (2) of the Municipal Regulation.

Resolution.—The standing orders as passed by the Managing Committee are approved. (*Vide* Appendix B.)

13. Vice-President's memo dated 5th November 1916, recommending the remission of interest charged on the khist amount due from contractors of miscellaneous items up to the end of December 1916.

Also resolution of the Managing Committee.

Resolution.—Sanctioned.

14. Memo No. 326, dated the 4th November 1916, from the Executive Engineer, City Drainage Project, Bangalore, forwarding an application from his out-door subordinates praying for the exemption from payment of bicycle tax.

Also opinion of the Managing Committee.

Resolution.—Exemption from payment of bicycle tax may be sanctioned as a special case to the out-door subordinates attached to the office of the Executive Engineer, City Drainage Project.

15. Municipal Engineer's memo No. 939, dated the 2nd November 1916, submitting plans and estimates for the construction of roads and lanes, etc., in the New Govipur Extension, and recommending that the services of the temporary Sub-Overseer deputed for the purpose may be continued for another six months from the 24th November 1916.

Also opinion of the Managing Committee.

Resolution.—Sanctioned. The temporary Sub-Overseer may be retained for six months as proposed.

16. Government Proceedings No. 1090-6—Muz. 153-16-4, dated the 2nd November 1916, directing that, pending final orders as regards the further management of the Srinivasamandiram and the charities connected with it, the management may be continued on the present basis under Mrs. Gopalachariu assisted by her brother Mr. Seshachariu.

Resolution.—Recorded.

17. Sub-Committee's audit report of the Sankarpur Extension Accounts.

Resolution.—Deferred.

18. Plan and valuation statement of properties to be acquired at Siddicutta and within the Market for the new market building.

Resolution.—The acquisition of properties is approved.

19. Government Proceedings No. G. 6096-100—G. M. 299-15-5, dated the 15th November 1916, passing orders about the preservation of portion of the Bangalore Fort as Historic monuments.

Resolution.—Recorded.

20. Government Proceedings No. 6154-8—G. M. 344-16-1, dated the 16th November 1916, granting a site measuring 7 acres and 20 guntas, behind the Revenue Offices in the Cubbon Park free of cost, to the New Club at Bangalore, on certain conditions.

Resolution.—Recorded.

21. Government Proceedings No. 3005-55—Ml. 132-16-2, dated the 16th November 1916, passing orders on the scheme for the development of Local Self-Government in Mysore.

Resolution.—Recorded.

22. Municipal Engineer's memo No. 1047, dated the 21st November 1916, submitting plan and valuation statement for acquiring the properties in the triangular area between the Hosur and Hoskote roads.

Resolution.—The acquisition of properties mentioned in the Schedule is approved. The question whether an exchange of land in the proposed new Bamboo Bazaar in lieu of the properties to be acquired may be arranged for by private agreement, should be investigated and reported upon within fifteen days by a Sub-Committee consisting of

(1) C. V. Narasimhiengar, Esq., B.A., B.L.

(2) B. Usman Khan, Esq.

(3) The Municipal Engineer.

23. General Secretary's letter No. J. 1767—Cts. 400-14-4, dated the 17th November 1916, forwarding for information, copy of D. O. letter No. J. 1764-5—Cts. 400-14-4, dated the 17th idem, from the General Secretary to Government, to the District Magistrates of Bangalore and Mysore, regarding the inadvisability of selecting Municipal Councillors for the appointment of Bench Magistrates in the Cities of Bangalore and Mysore.

Resolution.—Recorded.

24. Municipal Engineer's memo No. 931, dated the 31st October 1916, submitting plan and valuation statement, for acquiring the entire house No. 648, Taluk Cutcherry road, 4th Division, belonging to late Mr. B. K. Mariappa for opening a conservancy lane.

Resolution.—Deferred pending the receipt of the opinion of the Valuation Committee.

25. Municipal Engineer's memo No. 969, dated the 9th November 1916, submitting plan and valuation statement, for acquiring vacant land No. 29 in Narasimha Jois lane, 4th Division, belonging to P. V. Subramanyya for opening a conservancy lane.

Resolution.—Approved.

26. Municipal Engineers' memo No. 1010, dated the 19th November 1916, submitting plan and valuation statement for acquiring the entire house No. 19, in Obiah's lane, 3rd Division, belonging to Gurumurti Sastri, for opening a conservancy lane.

Resolution.—Approved.

27. Municipal Engineer's memo, submitting plan and valuation statement regarding the acquisition of a portion of door No. 11, Old Savar Lines, belonging to Messrs. Rickie & Co., for widening the Railway approach road.

Resolution.—Approved.

Additional subjects.

1. Opinion of the Managing Committee dated the 25th November 1916, sanctioning the purchase of a new Remington Typewriter at a cost of Rs. 446 for the use of the short-hand typist.

Resolution.—Sanctioned.

2. Estimates and deviation statements for the works noted below, as approved by the Managing Committee:—

(a) Newly forming the conservancy lane between Police road and Purna Venkata Rao's street, amounting to Rs. 209.

Resolution.—Sanctioned.

(b) Deviation statement relating to an estimate sanctioned on 26th January 1916, for reforming 1st, 2nd and $3\frac{1}{2}$ furlongs of Purna Venkata Rao's road, amounting to Rs. 589-13-3 with a savings of Rs. 71-2-9.

Resolution.—Sanctioned.

(c) Deviation statement relating to an estimate sanctioned on 29th January 1916, for building parapet walls in continuation of the existing ones in Subedar Chatram road, beyond the level crossing, amounting to Rs. 423-6-7 with a savings of Rs. 13-9-5.

Resolution.—Sanctioned.

(d) Deviation statement relating to an estimate sanctioned on 29th January 1916, for constructing a tunnel across Sultan road and blocking the existing tunnel in Albert Victor road, amounting to Rs. 400-7-0 with a savings of Rs. 69-9-0.

Resolution.—Sanctioned.

(e) Deviation statement relating to an estimate sanctioned on 30th November 1914, for constructing a sullage and storm water drain in the northern side of old timber yard, amounting to Rs. 565-9-8 with a savings of Rs. 6-6-4.

Resolution.—Sanctioned.

(f) Deviation statement relating to an estimate sanctioned on 28th November 1914, for reforming Sultan road $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1st furlong and the whole of 2nd furlong amounting to Rs. 499-2-5 with a savings of Rs. 70-13-7.

Resolution.—Sanctioned.

3. Municipal Engineer's memo No. 928, dated the 1st November 1916, submitting plan and valuation statement for acquiring the entire house No. 1, in Arlepet, 3rd Division, belonging to Mr. Virabhadrasetti, for widening Arlepet square in modification of Government Notification No. 692—Ml. 47-15-106, dated the 21st July 1916, for acquiring a part thereof, as the person interested in the property protests about the part acquisition.

Resolution.—Approved.

4. Opinion of the Managing Committee dated the 25th November 1916, sanctioning the continuance of the temporary gang of 20 coolies at Rs. 7 each for the destruction of lantana for a further period of two months from 1st December 1916.

Resolution.—Approved.

APPENDIX A.

With regard to paras (1) and (2) of the memo, the Managing Committee were of opinion that in instances where the arrears pertained to a period prior to six years, when there was any reason to assume that subsequent arrears were collected under the promise (whether oral or written) of writing off the earlier arrears, such arrears should be remitted.

With regard to paras (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) the Deputy Amildar's opinion with regard to Venkatesiah's liability for the arrears of taxes is accepted. Venkatesiah's protest against the sale of the attached property on the 29th June 1916 is untenable. Further action to recover the arrears by suit or distraint of property should be restored to. According to Government Order No. 3660-9—Ml. 92-10-6, dated the 2nd November 1910, there is no legal bar for the recovery of arrears of Municipal taxes by distraint and sale of the movable property of the defaulter, whatever may be the period during which they may be outstanding.

On the subject matter of the 6th paragraph the Committee held that the same warrant could be used any number of times till the entire sum in respect of which the warrant was issued was recovered in full. Mr. Usman Khan dissented and was of opinion that on the expiry of one year after issuing the warrant, a fresh demand notice and warrant should issue.

APPENDIX B.

The following standing orders are approved:—

- (a) On receipt of notice of vacancy, etc., as a claim for remission or refund cannot be immediately disposed of, the subject matter of the notice shall forthwith be noted in a register to be opened by the Deputy Amildar for the purpose.
- (b) As early as practicable on receipt of such notice the Deputy Amildar shall visit the spot and if the Municipal Council are satisfied that the house or land has been vacant and unproductive of rent from the date of the notice and if no tenant has a continuing right of occupation thereof, an endorsement will be issued stating that the notice has been registered and urging the immediate payment of the instalment which is always payable in advance and instructing that re-occupation if earlier than the end of the half-year should be reported.
- (c) After endorsement as above, whoever fails to pay his instalment of taxes or to report re-occupation or makes incorrect statement on the subject will be deemed to be ineligible to remission or refund contemplated in Section 69 (2).
- (d) The Deputy Amildar shall inspect the premises entered in the above register at intervals the first interval not exceeding 60 days from the date of receipt of the notice, and shall note therein their vacancy, re-occupation, etc. The last inspection will be during the last fortnight of the half-year particularly of premises whereon remission or refund under Section 69 (1) is liable to be claimed.
- (e) Remission or refund as per Section 69 (2) will be calculated by the formula

$$R = \frac{T}{2} \times \frac{60 + V}{180}$$

Where (R) equals Remission or Refund; (T) equals the half-year's instalment of taxes; and (V) equals the number of days over 60 during which the building or land is vacant and unproductive of rent after receipt of notice.

K. P. PUTTANNA CHETTY,
Honorary President.

SHIMOGA TOWN MUNICIPALITY.

NOTICE.

The Municipal Council, Shimoga, having at their meeting held on the 25th November 1916, passed the following draft bye-law regarding the grant of rewards to informants under Section 48 (1) (w) of the Mysore Municipal Regulation, VII of 1916, the same are hereby published for the information of the public.

Objections or suggestions in respect thereof, if received in writing at the Municipal Office, Shimoga, before the 31st January 1917, will be considered by the Municipal Council at their meeting in February 1917.

Bye-law.

1. The Managing Committee may award to any one who has given information through which a conviction for breach of any of the provisions of the Act has been secured, a reward not exceeding half the amount of any fine that may have been levied and recovered, in pursuance of such conviction.